

In Memoriam **Former Dean Francis X. Beytagh**

This issue of the *Ohio State Law Journal* is respectfully dedicated to former Ohio State University College of Law Dean Francis X. Beytagh.

Frank Beytagh was born in Savannah, Georgia on July 11, 1935.¹ He attended the University of Notre Dame, earning his B.A. in 1956.² He served as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy, retiring from the Naval Reserves as a Captain.³ He attended the University of Michigan Law School, where he was Editor in Chief of the *Michigan Law Review* and graduated first in his class.⁴ In his career, Beytagh clerked for United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren and was later Assistant Solicitor General under Thurgood Marshall.⁵ Beytagh has served the students of many universities throughout his life as a professor of constitutional law, dean, and president.

From the years of 1985 to 1993, Beytagh served as dean of The Ohio State University College of Law. During this time, the law school's building grew to almost twice its size, and he increased the faculty at the college by hiring fourteen new professors, including three persons of color and eight women.⁶ Beytagh also helped establish the college's connection to Oxford University in London.⁷ He taught as a professor at the law school until 1997.⁸

Beytagh passed away on February 21, 2016.⁹ He was devoted to the people and ideals of the college, leaving a lasting impact. He will be fondly remembered as both a leader and a friend.¹⁰

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² *Id.*

³ *Id.*

⁴ *College Mourns Loss of Former Dean Beytagh*, OHIO ST. U. MORITZ C.L.: BRIEFING ROOM (Feb. 23, 2016), <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/briefing-room/faculty/college-mourns-loss-of-former-dean-beytagh/> [https://perma.cc/389W-DLJC].

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*; Bruce S. Johnson, In Memoriam, *Francis X. Beytagh: An Appreciation*, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 1147 (2016). President Snyder was one of the women Beytagh hired during his time as dean of The Ohio State University College of Law. Barbara R. Snyder, In Memoriam, *Remembering Dean Francis X. Beytagh*, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 1151 (2016).

⁷ Gregory M. Travalio, In Memoriam, *A Tribute to Dean Frank Beytagh*, 77 OHIO ST. L.J. 1153 (2016).

⁸ *College Mourns Loss of Former Dean Beytagh*, *supra* note 4.

⁹ *Beytagh Obituary*, *supra* note 1.

¹⁰ Johnson, *supra* note 6; Snyder, *supra* note 6; Travalio, *supra* note 7.